Complaints on Website of NDMC

4030. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the website of NDMC launched recently is also programmed to receive complaints on its services;

(b) the number and nature of complaints received on the website in first seven days of launching; and

(c) whether it is a fact that no action has been taken so far on the aforesaid complaints nor have been acknowledged till date, if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir. The website of New Delhi Municipal Council which was launched in June, 2001 can at present receive complaints through e-mail.

(b) No complaint was received during this period.

(c) Does not arise.

Water Logging in DIZ area of NDMC

4031. MISS FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in the NDMC area, Sector D, (Qrs. No. 643 to 690 between two lines) DIZ area, Mandir Marg, New Delhi, water logging takes place due to improper drainage facility in the area;

(b) whether Government has instructed the NDMC to provide the basic civic facilities in that area;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Manufacturing Ethanol to get rid of surplus sugar

†4032. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have prepared any draft to manufacture ethanol as a measure to get rid of the problem of surplus sugar and utilize it as a automobile fuel as well as to produce energy based on the remaining portion of the extracted sugarcane khoi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether your Ministry have discussion with the concerned Ministries in this regard;

(d) if so, the reaction of these Ministries in this regard; and

(e) what further action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN) : (a) to (e) The Ministry is implementing a National Programme on Biomass Power/ Co-generation to produce energy based on the remaining portion of the extracted sugarcane khoi and other forestry and agro residues. The objective of the programme is maximizing surplus power generation from sugar mills using improved technologies and supplement grid power from other biomass conversion technologies. The Programme provides for central financial assistance by way of capital subsidy or interest subsidy for various types of projects in cooperative, public and private sector sugar mills.

Soft loan is available through the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency for establishing ethanol production facilities through biomass/sugarcane. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas have commissioned three pilot

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